



## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

**At 3:30 PM**

**Via ZOOM**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

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Members Present: Jason Bridges (Chair), Michel Kremer, RJ Turcotte, Laura Walters

Members Absent: Ian Golding (Vice-Chair), John Mynttinen, Joseph Topham

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Randy Ringer, Jeff Maxtutis from BETA Group; Josh Millonig, Lindsey Abbott, and Tiffany Fong from Weston and Sampson

#### **1. Administrative Items**

- a) Call to order
  - Chair called meeting to order at 3:35PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
  - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
  - There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote
- d) Approval of Minutes
  - There was unanimous approval of the April 26, 2023 minutes with the addition of a May 26 and May 30 email from Michel Kremer by rollcall vote.

#### **2. Action and Discussion**

- a) On-going Projects
  - i. Mid-Island Compete Streets Projects – design options
- Jeff M provided a summary of the comparative matrix developed for the Pleasant Street and Williams Lane Complete Streets projects. The matrix summarized the impacts of one-way and two-way traffic flow options on bike and pedestrian accommodations, right of way, cost, and traffic circulation. Two-way traffic flow would provide minimal accommodation of bicycle users while having greater right of way and cost impact. One-way flow would better accommodate bicycle traffic while having less impact to traffic circulation.

- Mike B noted this meeting was to introduce the options and continue discussion at the next meeting with a recommendation requested to help determine a preferred option.
- Laura W preferred a two-way option with a sidewalk.
- Michel K preferred the one-way option as it better accommodates bicycle traffic and suggested a one-way flow for Pleasant St and Williams Ln to provide a counterclockwise loop.
- Matt F mentioned support for the one-way counterclockwise options if the change did not create gridlock.
- RJ T mentioned support for the one-way counterclockwise options.
- Jason B mentioned support for the heavier flow on Williams Ln, which is eastbound rather than westbound.
- Mike B noted that additional information on traffic impacts would be shared at the next meeting.
- No action was taken.

ii. Tom Nevers Road Shared Use Path – design options

- Josh M provided an overview of the design feasibility study and engineering tasks to date with an overview of project areas with design options under consideration. The path would be located on the east side of the road due to few points of conflicts. The trailhead intersection at Milestone Road includes options for a basic sitting area and a more elaborate educational program with information on Wampanoag heritage and Tom Nevers, the person. A boardwalk option and paved path option are being considered on Land Bank property at the midpoint of the path. Path alignment options are being considered for at the intersection of Old Tom Nevers Road to consider the safest crossing option. And path alignment options are being considered for the end of the path to the playing fields to minimize right of way impacts.
- Michel K preferred the boardwalk option since it was more interesting and would be an interesting feature. He preferred the historic program suggested for the trailhead.
- Laura W preferred the boardwalk option and nicer rest area.
- RJ T mentioned the boardwalk could be high enough to have minimal environmental impacts and preferred the boardwalk option.
- Jason B preferred the boardwalk option if the community supported it and would improve the environment since it was an interesting feature.
- Randy R mentioned support for a water bubbler. He asked if the end of the path would be a 10 foot sidewalk without a buffered separation from the road. And asked how difficult it would be to acquire right of way.
- Josh M responded that the buffer and width of the path are being evaluated to minimize right of way impacts to abutters and would like input from the committee. He also clarified that survey work is still ongoing to quantify the easement area that was needed.
- Mike B noted that any easements would be requested and acquired by the County Commissioners and outreach to abutters would begin once survey was complete.
- Jason B mentioned providing water bubbler could be difficult.

### **3. Other Business**

- a) Committee Comment
  - There were no comments
  
- b) Public Comment
  - There was no public comment

### **4. Adjourn**

- Motion: made by RJ T and seconded by Michel K to adjourn
- Action: approved unanimously to adjourn at 4:42PM.

Submitted by:  
Mike Burns